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SUBJ: COFFEE; ETHIOPIAN PRODUCTION PROSPECTS

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1. RECENTLY PUBLISHED OFFICIAL FIGURES REVEAL ETHIOPIA'S COFFEE EXPORTS DURING 1972/73 TOTALED 83,658 METRIC TONS OF WHICH 2,804 METRIC TONS WERE NONQUOTA EXPORTS. AS A RESULT, ETHIOPIA'S SHORTFALL AGAINST QUOTA DURING 1972/73 TOTALED 15,225 METRIC TONS.

2. REFAIR INDICATED THAT NATIONAL COFFEE BOARD SOURCE DISCOUNTED REPORTS THAT ETHIOPIAN COFFEE PRODUCTION IN 1973/74 WOULD BE OFF UP TO 30 PERCENT DUE TO LACK OF RAINFALL LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, EMBOFFS, DURING RECENT VISIT TO KAFFA PROVINCE, RECEIVED CONSISTENT REPORTS OF SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED PRODUCTION, UP TO 70 PERCENT IN SPECIFIC LOCALES, DUE TO LACK OF RAINFALL. SINCE 1973/74 COFFEE PICKING SEASON HAS NOW ENDED, AND JIMMA REPRESENTS OUTLET FOR OVER 40 PERCENT OF ETHIOPIA'S COFFEE PRODUCTION, EMBASSY NOW ESTIMATES THAT PRODUCTION THIS COFFEE YEAR MAY WELL FALL AT LEAST 30 PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR'S PRODUCTION. WYMAN

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